

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Serial No.: 10/699,919  
Applicant: Stephen Bowling  
Title: Game Apparatus with an Encapsulated Figure  
Filed: November 3, 2003  
Art Unit: 3711  
Examiner: Vishu K. Mendiratta

Confirmation No.: 3897

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Applicant hereby submits this Preliminary Amendment in connection with his July 1, 2005 Request for Continued Examination. Kindly amend the application as follows.

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS** begin on page 7 of this paper.

**REMARKS** begin on page 11 of this paper.

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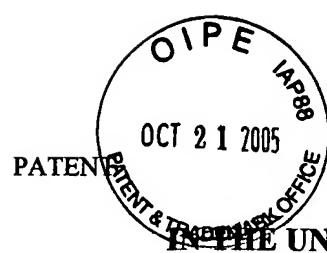
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Respectfully submitted,

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**AMENDMENT AND FEE TRANSMITTAL**

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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment for the above-identified application. The fee for claims added by amendment (small entity) has been calculated as shown below:

CALCULATION OF AMENDMENT FEE					
	Claims After Amendment	Covered by Previous Payments	Number Extra	Rate	Fee
Total Claims	24	-	20	=	4
Independent Claims	4	-	3	=	1
Multiple Dependent Claims	(If claims added by amendment include Multiple Dependent Claim(s) and there were no Multiple Dependent Claims(s) in application before amendment add to additional fee.)				
				Total:	\$200.00

A check in the amount of \$200.00 to cover the newly-added claims is attached.

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